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MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Practice Application No. 241222 ; a six unit proposal, plus associated Forest comprised of 176 net acres of variable retention harvest, plus 10 acres variable density riparian and wetland management zone thinning and approximately 1 acre associated right of way harvest, removing approximately 4,485 MBF of merchantable timber. Road work associated with this proposal consists of approximately 1,670 feet of required construction, 100 feet of required reconstruction, 2,991 feet of required deactivation, 50 feet of required pre-haul maintenance, 4,366 feet of optional construction and 3,757 feet of abandonment, if constructed.

Description of mitigation: The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owls - This proposal is not in a Northern Spotted Owl Management Area, nor within any spotted owl circles, PR 14-004-120,

Marbled Murrelet – This proposal is within the South Puget Planning Unit, which does not have a Marbled Murrelet Reclassified Habitat Model. No suitable Marbled Murrelet Habitat was identified within the harvest boundaries or within 300 feet of the harvest boundaries, PR 14-004-320,

Riparian and Wetland Management Zones (RMZs & WMZs) –Two Class B wetlands and three Type 3 streams are protected with site index height no cut buffers. Mission Creek (Type 1 water) is protected with greater than a site index no cut buffer due to slope stability protection. Two Class B wetlands are protected with 100 foot no cut buffers. Two Class B wetlands, the Tahuya River (Type 1 water) and two Type 3 streams are protected with site index height managed buffers. Two Class B wetlands are protected with 100 foot managed buffers. Four Type 5 streams are protected with 30 foot equipment limitation zones. All streams and wetlands associated with this sale are buffered according to HCP requirements, PR 14-004-150 & PR 14-004-110, Slope Stability – Areas identified as being potentially unstable and glacial groundwater recharge areas north/northeast of Unit 1 above Mission Creek were excluded from the harvest area, PR 14-004-050,

<u>Retention Trees</u> – An average of 8 trees per acre will be retained in leave tree clumps throughout Units 1, 2, 3 and 6. An average of 75 leave trees per acre will be retained throughout Units 4 and 5, PR 14-006-090,

Roads – Road construction, timber haul and rock haul will not be permitted when in the opinion of the Contract Administrator, excessive damage may occur, nor will they be permitted from November 1 to April 30 unless authority to do so is granted, in writing, by the Contract Administrator. If permission is granted to operate from November 1 to April 30, the Purchaser will be required to provide a "Closed Season Plan" to include further protection of water, soil, roads and other forest assets. Rock for this proposal may come from the state owned Sand Hill Rock Pit, which will remain open for future use.

For specifics on all mitigation measures consult the SEPA document for this proposal.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: The harvest and road work is located in parts of Sections 24, 25, 28 and 29 all in Township 23 North, Range 2 West, W.M. The Sand Hill Rock Pit is located in Section 24 in Township 23 North, Range 1 West, W.M. The haul route for this proposal is located in the same sections plus Section 2 in Township 22 North, Range 2 West, W.M., Sections 19 and 30 both in Township 23 North, Range 1 West, W.M. and Sections 13, 26, 27, 33, 34 and 35 all in Township 23 North, Range 2 West, W.M., The proposal area is located approximately 5 miles by road west of Belfair in Kitsap County. See the associated Forest Practices Application and

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

[] There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

[X] This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from April 30,3010. Comments must be submitted by May 14, 2010.

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